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Fresh bait is essential and preferably should be tied to the trigger of the trap. Fresh bread and cake are dependable baits, but these should be varied with others, as cheese, fried bacon, sardines, nut meats, and bananas. Rolled oats or other cereal may be sprinkled lightly over the trap as an additional attraction.

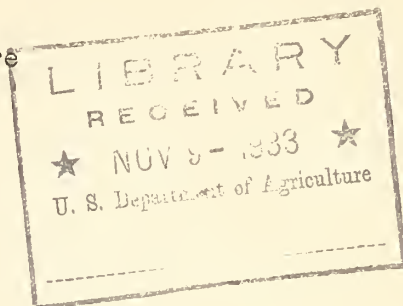
For the control of mice on a larger scale, poisoning is sometimes advisable. A simple method is to mix one-eighth ounce of powdered strychnine with an equal quantity of baking soda and stir thoroughly into 1 quart of rolled oats or corn meal. This poison may be left in little open boxes, or stations, in out-of-the-way places, where it will provide a permanent poison supply available to the mice at all times. The containers should be PLAINLY MARKED POISON and put out of reach of children, irresponsible persons, and domestic animals.

For additional information on trapping and poisoning mice write to the United States Department of Agriculture for a Farmers' Bulletin on rat control. The methods of controlling rats described in it are also applicable to house mice.

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Some of the methods of controlling rats described in Farmers' Bulletin 1533-F are applicable to house mice. This bulletin may be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C., at 5 cents a copy.

